

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
5th Floor Conference Room, City Hall
June 12, 2006
3:00 p.m.

Committee Members present: Holly Jones(Chair), Brownie Newman, Robin Cape

Staff: Jeff Richardson, Scott Shuford, Charlotte Caplan, Brenda Griffith, Adria Hardy, Kathy Ivey

I. Open Meeting & Approve Minutes for April 10th

Chair Holly Jones opened the meeting at 3:04 p.m. The minutes for the April 10th meeting were approved.

II. Housing Trust Fund: Revised policies and price limits

The Committee received a staff report on revision of Housing Trust Fund policies with supplementary data on tax impacts, continued affordability of assisted units, loan repayments, and the use of subsidiary financing to make homes affordable. Comments from the public were invited and were mainly positive. The Committee agreed that the fund continues to be an effective tool except that applications for S/F housing development have dropped off. Members wanted to see:

1. Safe, modest but attractive, affordable homes in decent neighborhoods
2. Price limits that are realistic for the for-profit sector
3. Continuing loan repayments so that the funds revolves.

Further discussion on specific recommendations to Council was deferred to the July 10th meeting.

III. Homelessness – Progress report on 10-Year Plan

Staff gave a brief update on the implementation of the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness. The number of chronic homeless people has significantly reduced. Chair Holly Jones asked staff to schedule a tour of homeless shelters. At the July meeting the Committee will discuss homelessness strategies further.

IV. Issues arising from redevelopment of mobile home parks

Staff presented a report on issues arising from closure of mobile parks. After discussion and public input, the Committee requested additional information on the location of mobile parks in Asheville and the ETJ, and on communities that have incorporated mobile homes into their affordable housing strategies.

V. Other Business

Chair Holly Jones informed the Committee that the Asheville Regional Housing Consortium will be making a presentation to the Land of Sky Regional Council of Governments on June 28 about a regional approach to funding affordable housing.

VI. Agenda Items for July 10 Meeting

- Housing Trust Fund policies
- Homelessness strategies
- Role of mobile homes in affordable housing strategies